



UNITED NATIONS
TRUSTEESHIP
COUNCIL



Distr.
GENERAL

T/PET.5/820
27 October 1955
ENGLISH
ORIGINAL: FRENCH

PETITION FROM THE "SYNDICAT DES PETITS PLANTEURS", BRANCH OF BAFOUSSAM
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

(Circulated in accordance with rule 85 and supplementary rule F of
the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council)

C.G.T.
Syndicat des petits planteurs
Bafoussam

Kumba, 16 September 1955

To the Chairman of the Fourth Committee.

Sir,

Since the incidents provoked at Bafoussam on 24 April 1955 by the colonial Administration under the orders of Mr. Pierre Bacon and his servile lackeys (Mr. Kanga Joseph, Chief of the Bandjoun Group, Mr. Nimboto Thomas, Chief of the Baleng Group, Mr. Nchinda Joseph, Chief of the Bansa Group (Dschang subdivision), Mr. Nitchieu Jean Baptiste, a clerk employed at Bafoussam, Mr. Moutmy André, an untrustworthy messenger who had been dismissed for insubordination and Mr. Tapchom Joseph, an ex-convict and notable at Bandjoun), the documents, typewriter, books, assets and 90,000 francs in cash have been stolen from the Syndicat d'Agriculture at Bafoussam. Up to now nothing has been returned. The cupboards, the boxes, suitcases, cycling shoes, etc. of the representative of the Syndicat were carried away by hirelings. We ask for the immediate liberation of Ngom Jacques, our General Secretary, and all the patriots who were victims of the bloody events provoked by Mr. Roland Pré and his collaborators between 22 and 29 May 1955.

On behalf of the Petits Planteurs (C.G.T.), of whom I am the official representative in our Subdivision, we ask the French colonial Government to stop issuing warrants for the arrest of the active members of the Cameroonian national progressive movements and to allow the leaders and active members of these various movements, who are scattered in the forests in the zone under British Administration

55-2605c

to return to their homes before the arrival of the Visiting Mission; we ask for immediate re-unification and independence for the Cameroons and for the removal of Mr. Roland Pré, the French colonial Governor, from our dear country under United Nations Trusteeship.

At this time when the Cameroonian people are awaiting the arrival of the Visiting Mission, the only hope of settling the question of the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons, a certain subdivisional chief at Bafoussam, Mr. Kanga Joseph of Bandjoun, does nothing more than traditional dances and invite Europeans and indigenous inhabitants to dinner where they will be waited on by a white man, in order to make the Visiting Mission believe that the French and the Cameroonians are on good terms; the purpose of this dance is to distract the Visiting Mission. We deplore this dirty policy, which frustrates the freely expressed aspirations of the Cameroonian people for the immediate unity and independence of our country.

In vain the French colonialists, in an attempt to undermine the courage of true Cameroonian patriots, ascribe to them the name of communists. We are in no sense communists.

Long live the United Nations:

Long live the united independent Cameroons

- (s) Thuete Pascal
- (s) Mbobda Lucien
- (s) Longue Edouard
- (s) Kamdjon Lucas
- (s) Kapin Richard
- (s) Simo Jean

Officers
